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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/20/86 (LAWRENCE, L.) OR-AMB
TAGS: PINT, JM
SUBJECT: UPCOMING RULING PARTY MEETING
1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: A GOVERNING PARTY (PNP) MODERATE HAS TOLD US THAT THE MODERATES WILL TRY A LAST-DITCH STAND AT THE UPCOMING PARTY MEETING, BUT HE DOUBTS THEY WILL BE SUCCESSFULL HE MAINTAINS THAT MANLEY HAS LOST CONTROL OF THE PARTY, AND THAT THE LEFTIST-RADICALS ARE DELIBERATELY TRYING TO WRECK WHAT IS LEFT OF THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO CREATE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO THEIR ASSUMPTION OF POWER. END SUMMARY.
3. [redacted] HAS DESCRIBED TO US THE NEC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22 AS "CRUCIAL" FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PARTY AND COUNTRY. IF THE RADICALS (HE CALLS THEM COMMUNISTS) PREVAIL,

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AS THEY HAVE DONE AT VIRTUALLY ALL NEC MEETINGS SINCE LAST FALL, AND VOTE AGAIN TO REJECT THE IMF, THEN PM MANLEY AND THE MODERATES WILL BE PUT IN AN IMPOSSIBLE POSITION.
4. [redacted] HE AND OTHER MODERATES ARE TRYING TO MOUNT A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A SANE ECONOMIC POLICY. HE FIGURES THEY HAVE A CHANCE OF FENDING OFF THE RADICALS IF MANLEY WILL SUPPORT THEM STRONGLY AND UNAMBIGUOUSLY. HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, BELIEVE MANLEY IS PREPARED TO DO THIS. (FOR ANOTHER VIEW, PLEASE SEE SEPTEL - NOTAL.)
[redacted] MANLEY HAS LOST CONTROL OF THE PARTY, AND FEELS THAT THE RADICALS ARE TOO STRONG TO BUCK. [redacted] NOT ACCEPT THE THESIS THAT MANLEY HIMSELF IS A RADICAL. THE GOVERNMENT (I.E. CABINET) NO LONGER GOVERN IN JAMAICA, [redacted] REAL POWER HAS PASSED TO D.K. DUNCAN AND THE RADICALS WHO NOW CONTROL THE MACHINERY OF THE PNP.

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5. [redacted] SINCE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE COUNTRY WILL QUICKLY DEFAULT ON ITS DEBTS, BE UNABLE TO PAY FOR IMPORTS, ETC., WITHOUT IMF ASSISTANCE, AND THE RADICALS LED BY D.E. DUNCAN ARE FULLY AWARE OF THIS FACT, THEREFORE, ONE MUST CONCLUDE THAT THE RADICALS ARE DELIBERATELY TRYING TO DESTROY THE ECONOMY OF JAMAICA, AND ARE TRYING TO DO THIS EITHER PRIOR TO AN ELECTION OF HOPING THAT BY SO DOING, THERE WILL BE NO ELECTION. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE RADICALS FIGURE THAT UNSTABLE CONDITIONS CREATED BY ECONOMIC CHAOS WOULD BE THEIR BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR ASSUMING POWER. HE POSITS TWO SCENARIOS: (A) THAT THE LEFT WILL TRY AN ACTUAL COUP D'ETAT, USING BRIGADISTAS AND RMS FROM THE CUBANS,; OR (B) THAT AN UNSTABLE SITUATION WOULD LEAD TO A MILITARY OR OTHER RIGHT WING DICTATORSHIP, WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY GIVE MASS SUPPORT TO THE LEFTISTS (LIKE THE SANDANISTAS).

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6. IN SUPPORT OF (A) ABOVE, [redacted] THE COMMUNISTS WERE BUSILY FLYING IN ARMS FROM CUBA. HE WAS UNBLE TO DOCUMENT THIS ASSERTION, BUT SAID THAT IT WAS "COMMON KNOWLEDGE" IN WESTERN JAMAICA. THE ARMS ARE SUPPOSEDLY BEING STORED IN CAVES IN THE RUGGED COCKPIT COUNTRY.

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7. BOTH SCENARIOS WOULD, OF COURSE, DO AWAY WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ELECTIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT IF AN ELECTION IS HELD, THE JLP WILL EASILY WIN, THOUGH HE PERSONALLY LOATHES AND DISTRUCTS SEAGA, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

8. [redacted] HE HAD DECIDED TO GO TO THE MEETING ON SATURDAY EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT COST HIM HIS LIFE. HE HAS BEEN PHYSICALLY THREATENED BY THE LEFT-WING GOONS AND ADVISED TO STAY AWAY FROM NEC MEETINGS. HE HAD, IN FACT, STAYED AWAY FROM THE LAST NEC MEETING (MARCH 9). THE "GOONS" BASHED UP AND SACKED A BAR OWNED BY HIS WIFE THE NIGHT BEFORE THE MEETING IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THE POINT. [redacted] OTHER MODERATES HAD BEEN SIMILARLY THREATENED. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY ARE BLUFFING AND IS TRYING TO GET HIS WIFE AND BABY TO A SAFE LOCATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

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9. FOR DEPARTMENT: COMMENTS ON THIS UPCOMING MEETING ARE BEING SENT VIA SEPTEL--NOTAL.

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